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23. ADDITIONS TO THE FOOD PLANTS OF INDIAN RHOPALOCERA

Mr. Sevastopulo has done a great service to Indian entomology by collating in one comprehensive list most of the scattered references to the food plants of Indian Rhopalocera (*JBNHS*, 70:156-183). There must still, however, be a large number of published references and unpublished records of casual observations. If these could be sent to the Society for publication our recorded knowledge would be much more complete. As a start, here are a few observations and additions, some of which have previously been published in the *Journal*.

PAPILIONIDAE

Polydorus philoxenus Gray. As far as I am aware, *khasiana* is the only Indian species of the genus *Nepenthes*. It is a rare plant, with a restricted and localised distribution, being confined to the Khasi and Jaintia and North

Cachar Hills of Assam. The widely occurring *philoxenus* must, therefore, feed on a different food plant throughout most of its range.

PIERIDAE

Delias aglaia L. I confirm that this feeds on *Loranthus* sp. in Sibsagar Dt. of Upper Assam.

SATYRIDAE

Elymnias nesoea Wall. Larvae found on various wild canes and palms.

Elymnias vasudeva M. ♀ hatched 29-vii-56 from pupa found on an eaten spray of *Dendrobium? fimbriatum* (Orchidaceae). Sibsagar Dt., Upper Assam.

NYMPHALIDAE

Eriboea arja Fd. *Albizzia* sp. in Sibsagar Dt. of Upper Assam.